

IN THE CLAIMS: ✓

Please cancel claim 48.

Claims 9, 10, 12-16, 31-47, and 49-54 have been amended herein. Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below, in clean form, for clarity. Please enter these claims as amended. Also attached is a version with markings to show changes made to the claims.

9. (Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit (CPU) box, comprising:  
a central processing unit;  
a drive bay coupled to said central processing unit;  
a speaker apparatus, coupled to said central processing unit and removably mounted towards a front portion of said CPU box, comprising:  
a speaker container;  
a speaker removably retained within said speaker container;  
a speaker port coupled to said speaker container to provide acoustic coupling between said speaker and a region outside said container;  
a user input device, coupled to said central processing unit; and  
an output device, coupled to said central processing unit.

10. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim 9 wherein said speaker container further comprises:  
a first unit having a speaker retainer; and  
a second unit, substantially similar to said first unit and further having a speaker retainer, said first unit and said second unit mating in such a fashion as to securely retain said speaker within said speaker container.

11. The computer system according to Claim 9 further comprising an acoustic dampening element placed on an interior surface of said container.

B2 <sup>4</sup>12. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>1</sup>9 wherein said speaker is mounted to face an interior surface of said speaker container.

<sup>5</sup>13. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>1</sup>9 wherein said speaker container comprises a front wall, a back wall, a top wall, a bottom wall, a side wall, and a second side wall, each wall having the same area.

<sup>6</sup>14. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>1</sup>9 wherein said port has a length that is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a depth of said speaker container and a diameter that is  $\frac{1}{5}$  a height of said speaker container.

sub D6 <sup>7</sup>15. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>1</sup>9 wherein said speaker is mounted behind said port coupled to said speaker container.

<sup>P</sup>16. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>1</sup>9 further comprising at least one fastener to couple said speaker to said speaker container and said speaker container to said CPU box.

B3 <sup>9</sup>17. (Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit (CPU) box configured in a tower configuration, comprising:  
a central processing unit;  
a drive bay coupled to said central processing unit;  
a speaker apparatus, coupled to said central processing unit and removably mounted towards a front, bottom portion of said CPU box, comprising:

a speaker container;  
a speaker removably retained within said speaker container;  
a speaker port coupled to said speaker container to provide acoustic coupling  
between said speaker and a region outside said speaker container;  
a user input device, coupled to said central processing unit; and  
an output device, coupled to said central processing unit.

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32. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 wherein said speaker container further comprises:  
a first unit having a speaker retainer; and  
a second unit, substantially similar to said first unit and further having a speaker retainer, said first unit and said second unit mating in such a fashion as to securely retain said speaker within said speaker container.

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33. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 further comprising an acoustic dampening element placed on an interior surface of said speaker container.

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34. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 wherein said speaker is mounted to face an interior surface of said speaker container.

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35. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 wherein said speaker container comprises a front wall, a back wall, a top wall, a bottom wall, a side wall, and a second side wall, each wall having the same area.

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36. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 wherein said port has a length that is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a depth of said speaker container and a diameter that is  $\frac{1}{5}$  a height of said speaker container.

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cont 37. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 wherein said speaker is mounted behind said port coupled to said speaker container.

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B3 38. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim 31 further comprising a at least one fastener to couple said speaker to said speaker container and said speaker container to said CPU box.

17 39. (Twice Amended) A computer system comprising:  
a central processing unit (CPU) box configured in a desktop configuration, comprising:  
a central processing unit;  
a drive bay coupled to said central processing unit;  
a speaker apparatus, coupled to said central processing unit and removably mounted towards a front side portion of said CPU box, comprising:  
a speaker container;  
a speaker removably retained within said speaker container;  
a speaker port coupled to said speaker container to provide acoustic coupling between said speaker and a region outside said speaker container;  
a user input device, coupled to said central processing unit; and  
an output device, coupled to said central processing unit.

18 40. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim 39 wherein said speaker container further comprises:  
a first unit having a speaker retainer; and  
a second unit, substantially similar to said first unit and further having a speaker retainer, said first unit and said second unit mating in such a fashion as to securely retain said speaker within said speaker container.

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41. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~ further comprising an acoustic dampening element placed on an interior surface of said speaker container.

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42. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~ wherein said speaker is mounted to face an interior surface of said speaker container.

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43. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~ wherein said speaker container comprises a front wall, a back wall, a top wall, a bottom wall, a side wall, and a second side wall, each wall having the same area.

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44. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~ wherein said port has a length that is  $\frac{4}{5}$  a depth of said speaker container and a diameter that is  $\frac{1}{4}$  a length of said speaker container.

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45. (Twice Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~ wherein said speaker is mounted behind said port coupled to said speaker container.

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46. (Amended) The computer system according to Claim <sup>17</sup>~~39~~ further comprising a at least one fastener to couple said speaker to said speaker container and said speaker container to said CPU box.

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(Amended) A method of assembling a computer system comprising:

providing an enclosure to contain said computer system;

securedly inserting a motherboard having a central processing unit within said enclosure;

securedly inserting a speaker module within said enclosure and coupling said speaker module to said motherboard, said speaker module inserting comprising:

selecting a first half of a speaker enclosure;

placing a speaker within said first half of said speaker enclosure;

mating a second half of said speaker enclosure to said first half of said speaker enclosure to form said speaker module; and

securing said speaker module within said speaker enclosure via a fastener.

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47. (Twice Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said speaker module inserting further comprises:

placing said speaker module in a lower front portion of said enclosure wherein said enclosure is a tower computer case.

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47. (Previously Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said speaker module inserting further comprises:

placing said speaker module in a front side portion of said enclosure wherein said enclosure is a desktop computer case.

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47. (Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said placing said speaker further comprises orienting said speaker to be downward firing.

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47. (Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim 47 wherein said placing said speaker further comprises orienting said speaker to be forward firing.

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<sup>25</sup> 53. (Twice Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim <sup>47</sup> wherein said placing said speaker further comprises placing a sound dampening element within said speaker module.

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<sup>1</sup> 54. (Amended) The method of assembling a computer system according to claim <sup>25</sup><sub>1</sub> <sup>47</sup> further comprising placing a port within said speaker module.

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